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To: Members of the State Board of Education
From: James E. Rier, Jr., Commissioner*
Date: April 9, 2014
Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Concept Approval Consideration*; Additions to the Approved Projects List for Rating Cycle 2010-2011

STATEMENT OF FACT

The State Board of Education approved six capital projects to the Major Capital Construction's Approved Projects List on January 11, 2012. The Commissioner is now recommending that an additional six projects be added to the list. In accordance with Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 5 Approved Projects List "Placement on the Approved Projects List is an acknowledgement that the pupils in the rated facility have a significant need to be housed under improved circumstances. It does not assure replacement of the facility (ies) that received the rating. If resources do not allow all the projects on the Approved Projects List to be funded, the unfunded projects will be placed at the top of the Approved Projects List of the next Rating Cycle."

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

On March 31, 2014 the Construction Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education support the Commissioner's Recommendation to add six additional projects to the Approved Projects List.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education designate the following projects for placement on the Approved Projects List. The proposed projects are in priority order.

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| 7. RSU 75 – Topsham | Mt Ararat High School |
| 8. Lewiston School Dept. | Martel School |
| 9. RSU 02 – Monmouth | Monmouth Middle School |
| 10. RSU 39 - Caribou | Teague Park School |
| 11. RSU 1 – Bath | Morse High School |
| 12. Portland School Dept. | Fred P. Hall School |

It is further recommended that Section 6.2.F., Time Limitations, ¶1, be waived by the State Board of Education until a workable plan for Concept Approval has been developed by the Department and the designated school systems. The Department will provide the State Board with periodic updates on the status of progress toward Concept Approvals of the six designated projects.

*Prepared by the Division of School Facilities